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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Proposed NSCID on Foreign Language Publications

1. Attached hereto (TAB A) is a proposed draft for an NSCID on foreign language publications, together with an analysis of the Directive's possible effects, and terms of reference for an advisory committee on the subject. A proposed memorandum to the IAC transmitting these three papers is also attached.

2. These papers have been developed through the cooperation of OGD, CO, OGI, ORR, OSI, and DD/P, who agree that in its present form it should be disseminated to the IAC agencies for working level discussions prior to IAC action.

3. ORR believed that the NSCID and the Advisory Committee should encompass "documents" (not excluded for reasons of security) as well as "publications." However, the rest of the offices felt that under the proposed framework working relationships and arrangements would be developed which would gradually include "document" problems. It was believed the inclusion of "documents" would be resisted by the Military Services and thus unnecessarily and unprofitably complicate the negotiations.

4. It should be pointed out that there is nothing in our proposal which cannot in fact be achieved by the Agency on direction from the DCI. Much of it has already been accomplished. Renewed efforts in leadership by FDD and GCD in their respective functions, perhaps through the establishment of a committee along the lines proposed, would help. This does not require, though it would be facilitated by, an NSCID. As a result of the interest generated in the NIG and its subcommittee on the handling of foreign language publications among the agencies this proposal is believed timely.

5. An NSCID has, in the past, had an effect on the way in which the Agency administers a service (in terms of finances and personnel allocated and in terms of the sense of mission of those carrying out the functions) and we believe this proposal would likely result in considerable improvement in these functions. The argument that we should not carelessly use an NSCID to accomplish that which does not require an NSCID is sound. Where an NSCID can be used to improve our intelligence system, however, we believe that it should be used.

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See also: NSCID-16

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